Foreign collaborations

2159. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state what are the details of the foreign collaborations in the private and public sector in the industry producing consumer goods in the low technology, high technology and sectors in which technology was available and only know-how was made available in the year 1984 and 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): the Government approved 752 and 1024 foreign collaboration proposals in the years 1984 and 1985 respectively. The details of all approved Foreign Collaborations showing the name of Indian and Foreign firms, item of manufacture, nature of collaboration are published on a quarterly basis by the Indian Investment Centre, as a supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Copies of this publication are sent to Parliament Library regularly.

ONGC Office in Cauvery Basin

2160. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is going to set up an office in Pondicherry State with the collaboration of Russia for exploration of oil in Cauvery basin; and

(b) if so, by when the office is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Huge arrears of Delhi Telephones

2161. SHRI L. GANESAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 391 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether any enquiry had been ordered into the whole episode wherein subscribers were permitted to accumulate such huge arrears without disconnecting their telephones;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof and the action taken against the officials responsible for the lapse;

(c) whether the arrears have been recovered; and

(d) if no enquiry has been conducted the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (d) The information has been called for from the G.M. Telephone, New Delhi and the same will be placed on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Daily wages workers in the P&T Department

2162. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons at present employed on daily wages system and as Extra-Departmental employees by the P&T Department;

(b) whether Government consider to increase their wages at par with the regular employees keeping in view their work;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when they are likely to be regularised?